

INDIAN GAMING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Indian gaming, after receiving testimony from Tracie Stevens, Chairwoman, National Indian Gaming Commission; Mark Brnovich, Arizona Department of Gaming, Phoenix; Philip N. Hogen, Jacobson, Buffalo, Magnuson, Anderson & Hogen, P.C., St. Paul, Minnesota; and Ernest Stevens, Jr., National Indian Gaming Commission, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 3397, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide for take-back disposal of controlled substances in certain instances, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of John F. Walsh, to be United States Attorney for the District of Colorado, John William Vaudreuil, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, William J. Ihlenfeld II, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of West Virginia, Mark Lloyd

Ericks, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Washington, Joseph Patrick Faughnan, Sr., to be United States Marshal for the District of Connecticut, Harold Michael Oglesby, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Arkansas, and Conrad Ernest Candelaria, to be United States Marshal for the District of New Mexico, all of the Department of Justice.

PASSPORT ISSUANCE PROCESS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine the passport issuance process, focusing on closing the door to fraud, after receiving testimony from Gregory Kutz, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations, Government Accountability Office; and Brenda S. Sprague, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Passport Services.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of James R. Clapper, of Virginia, to be Director of National Intelligence.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 64 public bills, H.R. 5917–5980; and 16 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 307–310; and H. Res. 1570–1573, 1575–1582, were introduced. (See next issue.)

Additional Cosponsors: (See next issue.)

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5663, to improve compliance with mine and occupational safety and health laws, empower workers to raise safety concerns, prevent future mine and other workplace tragedies, and establish rights of families of victims of workplace accidents, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–579, Pt. 1);

H.R. 5226, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Appalachian Regional Commission to carry out a program of outreach for veterans who reside in Appalachia (H. Rept. 111–580, Pt. 1);

H.R. 5626, to protect public health and safety and the environment by requiring the use of safe well control technologies and practices for the drilling of high-risk oil and gas wells in the United States, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–581, Pt. 1); and

H. Res. 1574, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3534) to provide greater efficiencies, transparency, returns, and accountability in the administration of Federal mineral and energy resources by consolidating administration of various Federal energy minerals management and leasing programs into one entity to be known as the Office of Federal Energy and Minerals Leasing of the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5851) to provide whistleblower protections to certain workers in the offshore oil and gas industry (H. Rept. 111–582).

(See next issue.)

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Loretta Sanchez to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6285**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Bruce Scott, Pentecostals of South Lake, Merrillville, Indiana. **Page H6285**

Adjournment Resolution—Senate: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 307, providing for a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate, by voice vote. **Page H6306**

Adjournment Resolution—House of Representatives: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 308, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives, by a yea-and-nay vote of 231 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 483. **Pages H6306–07**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, July 27th:

Senior Financial Empowerment Act: H.R. 3040, amended, to prevent mail, telemarketing, and Internet fraud targeting seniors in the United States, to promote efforts to increase public awareness of the enormous impact that mail, telemarketing, and Internet fraud have on seniors, and to educate the public, seniors, their families, and their caregivers about how to identify and combat fraudulent activity, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 335 yeas to 81 nays, Roll No. 487 and **Page H6309**

Expressing the sense of Congress that Taiwan should be accorded observer status in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO): H. Con. Res. 266, to express the sense of Congress that Taiwan should be accorded observer status in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

(See next issue.)

Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Price (GA) announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution. **Pages H6354–55**

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2011: The House passed H.R. 5850, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, by a yea-and-nay vote of 251 yeas to 167 nays, Roll No. 499. **Pages H6310–53, H6368–82**

Agreed to:

Boehner amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–578) that terminates the HUD program for doctoral dissertation research grants on housing and urban development issues; **Page H6345**

Boehner amendment (No. 4 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–578) that reduces the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs, Office of the Secretary, Salaries and Expenses, within the Department of Transportation by \$1.6 million;

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Kaptur amendment (No. 5 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–578) that eliminates all travel funds for the Department of Housing and Urban Development;

Pages H6346–48

Arcuri amendment (No. 6 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–578) that reduces funding for the Office of Policy Development and Research within HUD

by \$2,978,450—resulting in a 2.5% reduction in funding below the amount appropriated in fiscal year 2010; **Pages H6348–53**

Perlmutter amendment (No. 7 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–578) that strikes \$50 million in incentive grants to states to enact laws to make it a primary traffic violation for occupants to not use a seat belt; **Page H6349**

DeFazio amendment (No. 9 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–578) that prohibits any funds under the Act from being used to reallocate Federal highway formula funding for the livable communities program unless the program is first authorized by Congress; **Page H6351**

Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX) amendment (No. 11 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–578) that increases by \$10 million activities under Section 107, under the Community Development Grant program at HUD. Specifically additional funding would be requested for the HBCU Community Development Grant Program. Subsequently, reverse mortgages would be decreased by \$10 million; **Page H6353**

Moore (WI) amendment (No. 13 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–578) that increases funding for the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization by \$100,000 and increases funding for the Minority Business Research Center's outreach activities by \$225,000 to help ensure that the small and disadvantaged business policies and goals of the Department are developed and implemented; **Page H6372**

Braley amendment (No. 15 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–578) that increases funding to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) by \$20 million and offsets this increase with a decrease of \$20 million for non-personnel expenses within the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The purpose of the CDBG funding increase is to provide CDBG disaster relief and recovery funds to assist communities in the Midwest affected by the flooding that occurred during July of 2010; and **Pages H6373–74**

Turner amendment (No. 16 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–578) that prevents funds in the bill from being used to prohibit the establishment of any occupancy preference for veterans in supporting housing for the elderly that is assistance by HUD and is located on Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) property or is subject to an enhanced use lease with the VA. **Page H6374**

Rejected:

Boehner amendment (No. 2 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–578) that sought to reduce HUD's Transformation Initiative (technical assistance and

capacity building) by \$40 million (by a recorded vote of 206 ayes to 217 noes, Roll No. 488);

Pages H6345–46, H6368–69

Latham amendment (No. 8 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–578) that sought to cut \$1.8 billion from specific accounts that were increased over and above the President's request (by a recorded vote of 197 ayes to 225 noes, Roll No. 489);

Pages H6349–51, H6369–70

Culberson amendment (No. 10 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–578) that sought to reduce the bill's funding level by \$12.4 billion dollars, returning the bill to the FY2009 funding level. This is an 18% cut in the bill's spending (by a recorded vote of 169 ayes to 252 noes, Roll No. 490);

Pages H6351–53, H6370–71

Graves (MO) amendment (No. 12 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–578) that sought to prohibit the Federal Aviation Administration from using funds in the Act to require a sponsor of a public general aviation airport to terminate existing residential through-the-fence agreements, or otherwise withhold funds from a sponsor of a general aviation airport, solely because the sponsor enters into a residential through-the-fence agreement;

Pages H6371–72

Kirkpatrick amendment (No. 17 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–578) that sought to make an across the board cut of 5% from the base text of the bill. It would have reduced the cost of the bill by \$3.37 billion, bringing the total cost of the bill down to \$64.03 billion;

Pages H6374–75

Neugebauer amendment (No. 14 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–578) that sought to reduce spending in the bill by \$10.52 billion. This amount represents the uncommitted funds from the \$61.7 billion in 2009 stimulus funds that were appropriated for transportation and housing related programs (by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 247 noes, Roll No. 492);

Pages H6372–73 (continued next issue)

Jordan amendment (No. 18 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–578) that sought to reduce spending by \$18,579,000,000 in order to reflect FY 2008 levels (by a recorded vote of 159 ayes to 265 noes, Roll No. 493);

Pages H6375–76 (continued next issue)

Flake amendment (No. 20 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–578) that sought to reduce funding for Capital and Debt Service Grants to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation for capital investments by \$1,203,500,000 (by a recorded vote of 129 ayes to 293 noes, Roll No. 494);

Pages H6376–77 (continued next issue)

Flake amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–578) that sought to prohibit \$1,000,000 from being made available for the Blackstone River Bikeway in Rhode Island and reduce the overall cost

of the bill by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 163 ayes to 260 noes, Roll No. 495);

Pages H6377–78 (continued next issue)

Flake amendment (No. 4 printed in Part B of H. Rept. 111–578) that sought to prohibit \$1,000,000 from being made available for the downtown Tacoma streetscapes improvement project in Washington and reduce the overall cost of the bill by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 157 ayes to 267 noes, Roll No. 496);

Pages H6378–79 (continued next issue)

Flake amendment (No. 10 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–578) that sought to prohibit \$1,000,000 from being made available for the restoration and improvements to the historical Darwin Martin House Home and complex in New York and reduce the overall cost of the bill by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 165 ayes to 258 noes, Roll No. 497); and

Pages H6379–81 (continued next issue)

Flake amendment (No. 11 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–578) that sought to prohibit \$150,000 from being made available for the construction of a children's playground in the Municipality of Yauco, Puerto Rico and reduce the overall cost of the bill by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 159 ayes to 264 noes, Roll No. 498).

Pages H6381–82 (continued next issue)

H. Res. 1569, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 231 ayes to 185 noes, Roll No. 485, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 236 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 484.

Pages H6289–97, H6307–08

A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 1569 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by voice vote.

Pages H6289–90

Investing in American Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes Act of 2010: The House began consideration of H.R. 5893, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to create jobs through increased investment in infrastructure and to eliminate loopholes which encourage companies to move operations offshore. Further proceedings were postponed.

Pages H6355–68

H. Res. 1568, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 486, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

Pages H6297–H6306, H6308–09

Suspension—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2010: H.R. 847, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to extend and improve

protections and services to individuals directly impacted by the terrorist attack in New York City on September 11, 2001, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 255 yeas to 159 nays, Roll No. 491.

Pages H6382–H6400 (continued next issue)

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Airline Safety and Federal Aviation Administration Extension Act of 2010: H.R. 5900, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund and to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend airport improvement program project grant authority and to improve airline safety; (See next issue.)

Modifying the date on which the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and applicable States may require permits for discharges from certain vessels: S. 3372, to modify the date on which the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and applicable States may require permits for discharges from certain vessels; (See next issue.)

Assistance, Quality, and Affordability Act of 2010: H.R. 5320, amended, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to increase assistance for States, water systems, and disadvantaged communities; to encourage good financial and environmental management of water systems; to strengthen the Environmental Protection Agency's ability to enforce the requirements of the Act; to reduce lead in drinking water; and to strengthen the endocrine disruptor screening program; (See next issue.)

Ski Area Recreational Opportunity Enhancement Act: H.R. 2476, amended, to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding additional recreational uses of National Forest System lands that are subject to ski area permits; (See next issue.)

Expressing support for designation of September 2010 as "Gospel Music Heritage Month": H.J. Res. 90, to express support for designation of September 2010 as "Gospel Music Heritage Month" and to honor gospel music for its valuable and longstanding contributions to the culture of the United States; and (See next issue.)

Congratulating the United States Men's National Soccer Team for its inspiring performance in the 2010 FIFA World Cup: H. Res. 1527, to congratulate the United States Men's National Soccer Team for its inspiring performance in the 2010 FIFA World Cup. (See next issue.)

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Real Estate Jobs and Investment Act of 2010: H.R. 5901, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in United States real property interests; (See next issue.)

Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC): H. Res. 1566, to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and the pioneering of college students whose determination and nonviolent resistance led to the desegregation of lunch counters and places of public accommodation over a 5-year period; and (See next issue.)

Providing for the conveyance of a small parcel of National Forest System land in the Francis Marion National Forest in South Carolina: H.R. 5414, amended, to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of National Forest System land in the Francis Marion National Forest in South Carolina. (See next issue.)

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to the actions of certain persons to undermine the sovereignty of Lebanon or its democratic processes and institutions is to continue in effect beyond August 1, 2010—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 111–136). **Page H6355**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today will appear in the next issue.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yeas-and-nays votes and 11 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6306–07, H6307, H6307–08, H6308–09, H6309, H6369, H6369–70, H6370 (continued next issue). There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 1:10 a.m. on Friday, July 30, 2010.

Committee Meetings

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government approved for full Committee action the FY 2011 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations bill.